

University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee
Thursday, June 16, 2022
James P. Coughlin Center - Volunteer Room
& Zoom Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Karen D. Powers, Doug Zellmer, Tom Borchart, and Steve Binder (via Zoom).

Members Absent: Kay Horan.

Extension Winnebago County Staff: Chris Viau, Mandi Dornfeld, Kris Soper, and Amy Hendrickson.

Others Present: Mike Norton (Winnebago County Board) and Mike Domke (Winnebago County Fair Association).

Meeting Called to Order at 9:00 a.m. by Karen D. Powers.

Comments from the Public Related to Items on the Agenda/Requests to Add Items to the Next Agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes: Borchart moved to approve the 5/19/2021 minutes, second by Zellmer. Motion carried 3-0 (Binder was unable to unmute to vote).

Safety Share – Tom Borchart: Zellmer reminded everyone to watch for children while driving and in parking lots, especially now that children are out of school. Borchart reminded everyone to practice safe driving, especially in construction zones. Dornfeld reminded everyone to wear sunscreen and drink plenty of water.

Committee Chair Report: Binder was present but unable to deliver a report.

Winnebago County Fair Association: Domke shared the 2022 Winnebago County Fair is August 3 - 7. Fair swag was distributed. Domke reviewed entertainment highlights and events scheduled for the fair. The Fair Association received a grant used to purchase plumbing supplies and update some plumbing. They are seeking groups to assist with parking. Any recommendations should be sent to Domke.

Winnebago County Diversity Affairs Commission: Dornfeld delivered a brief review. Education events have been the second Thursday of each month; attendance is growing steadily. October will be an Extension-led processing event to review the commission's work thus far. The commission is working through recording the educational events. Recording the educational commission events poses issues due to contracted speakers not previously agreeing to be recorded and anticipated reduction in attendance and participation in the discussion/Q&A. They are trying to identify a meeting date and time where enough members can attend to achieve quorum. Committee members discussed financial aspects related to the commission.

UW Division of Extension Program or Educator Reports and Updates:

- **FoodWise Contract** - Gabrijska was unable to attend; she will reschedule this presentation.
- **FoodWise** - Soper reported on her work in Winnebago County. Soper will be delivering a 5-week program at the Boys & Girls Club. Collaboration with SOAR to provide nutritional programming continues. Farmers Market Tours will continue this summer, utilizing the Discover Wisconsin Farmer's Market educational program. FoodWise has begun collaborating with the Fresh Start program to connect refugees with the tours. Soper will be conducting programming at the Oshkosh Food Pantry again this year.

Extension Administration and Department Reports – Chris Viau:

- **Facility Updates:** The Volunteer Room is currently the only meeting room that can accommodate the new Board rule for virtual meetings. The Extension office will continue working with the county to update meeting rooms as funds and technology becomes available.
- **Staff and Department Updates:** The 2022 Budget is still on track so far. The 2023 Budget planning process is underway; Viau has submitted a request for carpet replacement in the meeting rooms and office space to Facilities. Viau and Dornfeld are conducting Real Colors workshops for Winnebago County staff and leaders. The Horticulture Educator posting will be extended to allow for a larger applicant pool. Viau is coordinating for a 3-county Dairy Educator position and a 2-county Crops Educator position to be posted; anticipated for last quarter.
- **Area/Region/State Updates:** Outagamie County activated their Emergency Response system due to last night's storms. University of Wisconsin - Madison's new Chancellor, Jennifer Mnookin, will start in August.

Announcing Upcoming Extension Events at County Board Meeting Discussion: Viau suggested committee members utilize Extension Winnebago County newsletters to keep up-to-date on upcoming Extension events; committee members could select events to share at upcoming County Board meetings. Borchart requested this item be on the July agenda for further discussion.

Comments by Committee Members: Powers announced the Winnebago County Wheelchair Wash is June 25 from 10:00am - 12:00pm at J & R Auto Service in Oshkosh.

Committee Meeting Schedule: Committee members confirmed the standard meeting date and time work for July.

Next Meeting: Next regular committee meeting will be held at 9:00am on Thursday, July 21, 2022.

Adjourned: Zellmer moved to adjourn at 10:38 a.m.; seconded by Borchart. Motion carried 3–0 (Binder was present but unable to unmute to vote).

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Hendrickson